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INFO AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

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SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF CARGO IN PORT GENTIL

REF: A) LIBREVILLE 262, B) STATE 32809

1. FURTHER CONVERSATION WITH CHARLES MCLEAN, TECH. DIR. NAPCO INT. MARKETING GROUP, REVEALS SITUATION AS SEEN DOUALA SUBSTANTIALLY AS STATED LIBREVILLE REFTEL. SOCOPAO DOUALA STATES THEIR OFFICE PORT GENTIL CONFIRMS SHIPMENT CANNOT BE RELEASED WITHOUT PERSONAL PERMISSION PRESIDENT BONGO. SOCOPAO HERE UNDERSTANDS THAT PRESIDENT AHIDJO MAY HAVE SENT PERSONAL MESSAGE PRESIDENT BONGO IN PARIS REQUESTING HIM FREE CARGO.

2. HOWEVRN MCLEAN TALKS LOCAL MILITARY OFFICIAL INDICATED THAT HE TOOK POSITION THAT PROBLEM BASICALLY ONE BETWEEN U.S. SHIPPER (NAPCO) AND GABONESE AUTHORITIES AS GURC NOT INVOLVED UNTIL LOCAL DELIVERY. IT NOT CLEAR IF THIS OFFICIAL REFLECTING YAOUNDE VIEW OR ONLY HIS PERSONAL OPINION.

3. SOCOPAO WILLING HAVE M/S DABEMA RETURN PORT GENTIL (IT CURRENTLY BERTHED DOUALA) 13 TO LOAD IMPOUNDED CARGO 14TH AND RETURN DOUALA 15TH, BUT THESE ARRANGEMENTS BEING HELD ABEYANCE PENDING FREIGHT RELEASE.

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